



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Thomas L. Meneghini

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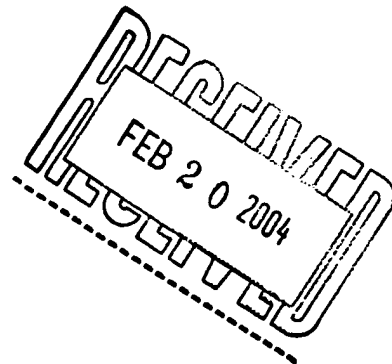
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For: *Method and Apparatus for Performing a
Hazard-Free Multi-Bit Comparison*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Action mailed December 11, 2003, please amend the claims in this application as set forth below, to place the application in condition for allowance and, in the alternative, in better condition for appeal.

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